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REF: IBADAN 054, 053, 052 AND 051

1. UNIBADAN CAMPUS REMAINS QUIET, WITH ALMOST ALL STUDENTS GONE. WE OBTAINED ASSURANCE FROM UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION YESTERDAY THAT AMERICAN STUDENTS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN DORMITORIES, BUT THAT ASSURANCE RESCINDED LAST NIGHT FOR "SECURITY" REASONS. CONSULATE WILL MAKE EMERGENCY HOUSING AVAILABLE FOR AMCIT STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOWHERE TO STAY.

2. TRIBUNE REPORTS, UNCONFIRMED, THAT ONE FEMALE STUDENT BEATEN BY POLICE ON FRIDAY IS "FEARED DEAD", AND SECURITY STUDENT UNION SAID MALE STUDENT STRUCK ON HEAD "IS NOW MAD". WE TEND DISCOUNT THESE REPORTS UNLESS THEY CONFIRMED BY MORE RELIABLE SOURCES. IBADAN POLYTECHNIC
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STUDENTS YESTERDAY BARRICADED GATES TO CAMPUS AND BOY-

COTTED LECTURES PROTESTING POLICE DETENTION SIX OF THEIR NUMBER FOLLOWING SEPARATE MEMORIAL DEMONSTRATION ON THEIR CAMPUS LAST FRIDAY. UNIVERSITY IFE STUDENTS ALSO BOYCOTTING CLASSES IN SYMPATHY WITH DETAINED UNIBADAN DEMONSTRATORS, AND REPORTED TO HAVE ATTACKED CAMPUS POLICE STATION. SOME GOVERNMENT AND UNIVERSITY PROPERTY REPORTED DAMAGED AT BOTH POLYTECHNIC AND IFE.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE UNCOVERED NO EVIDENCE OF, NOR DO WE SENSE SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS BY OFF-CAMPUS GROUPS IN THIS DISTRICT. WITH UNIBADAN STUDENTS DISPERSED, AND IFE AND POLYTECHNIC DEMONSTRATIONS LIKELY COLLAPSE, POTENTIAL FOR LARGE SCALE VIOLENCE IN AND AROUND IBADAN HAS DIMINISHED ALMOST TO ZERO -- AT LEAST UNTIL UNIBADAN CAMPUS REOPENED. UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES CANNOT GUESS WHEN THEY WILL REOPEN. PROBABLY THIS DEPENDS UPON POLICE DECISION RE DETAINED STUDENTS AND WHAT HAPPENS TO STUDENTS AND FACULTY HOSPITALIZED AFTER DEMONSTRATIONS. BARR

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